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BATTLE FOR POWER IN L.A.'S BLACK COMMUNITY.

When Mayor Tom Bradley recently endorsed 8th council district candidate Mark Ridley-Thomas, it was MUCH MORE than just a simple message of support. It was a call to WAR by Bradley and several other Black elected leaders who are now in a bitter fight with Maxine Waters, south central L.A.'s new U.S. House member. It's a classic case of HEGEMONY - the battle for political dominance...

...It's not that Waters is the new kid on the block. She's been around a long time, making waves and battling the establishment. But with her new post in congress, (a national bully pulpit), some CALPEEK sources think Bradley, as well as U.S. Reps. Mervyn Dymally and Julian Dixon, see Waters as a threat to their base of power in L.A. Bradley is particularly sensitive because his style is so low keyed when compared to Waters (or anyone else)...

...So Bradley, who has never been all that close to Dymally, and several other Black leaders, are backing Ridley-Thomas over Waters ally Rod Wright in the 8th district; and school board member Rita Walters in the 9th district, over Waters' endorsed candidate Bob Gay. It's all an attempt to keep Waters from building a power base of her own -- at least that's the speculation...

...Is Maxine trying to build a power base? Probably, but so what. Bradley, Dixon and Dymally all have power blocs. As one CALPEEK source said, "Maxine is doing what smart politicians do: flex their muscles." Waters two key allies in the Black community are Assemblymembers Willard Murray and Marguerite Archie-Hudson, both of whom are backing her in this battle...

...FYI: Sidebar story. Dymally and Murray (who used to work for Dymally) are battling

in court over their respective SLATE MAIL operations. Dymally's slate is called "The Community Democrat," while Murray (who used to organize that particular slate for Dymally) has a new slate called "The Calif. Democrat." Odds are fair that the friction between Dymally and Waters may have something to do with the current Dymally vs. Murray feud. Just a guess. Stay tuned...

1991 REAPPORTIONMENT: WINNERS AND LOSERS.

In putting this REAPPORTIONMENT story together, both GOP and Demo CALPEEK sources made the same prediction: no matter how fair the final plan is to GOP & Demo incumbents, and regardless of whether Gov. Pete Wilson signs off on the final 4 bills, the odds are VERY HIGH that the new reapportionment for congressional and legislative districts will be challenged in the courts by minority groups, who will probably charge that the process has not been fair...

...To complicate matters even more, legislative consultants are still up in the air as to the final CENSUS count. As CALPEEK readers know, the 1990 census could be off by 600,000 to 800,000. The U.S. Dept. of Commerce (which runs the census) will be waiting until a COURT DECISION comes down July 15 on whether or not to adjust the count. If the count is readjusted, Calif. will get a 53rd seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and consultants will be burning the midnight oil to turn out 4 re-mapping bills by a Sept. 13 deadline...

● WINNERS - The minority communities in Calif., especially the Hispanic community in L.A. County; the growing Inland Empire in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties; the CA GOP Congressional delegation, who by all rights should pick up the most seats

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in the 1991 remapping process; and the attorneys who are hired to challenge and defend the 1991 reapportionment plans...

...In L.A. County, CALPEEK sources say there are NOW seven(7) Assembly districts with HISPANIC majorities (overall population, not registered voters). The districts are now represented by Hughes(D), Archie-Hudson(D), Tanner(D) and the 46th (Roos), plus Roybal-Allard(D), Becerra(D) and Polanco(D)...

- **LOSERS** - Most all CALPEEK sources on this story say that the BIGGEST overall loser in the 1991 reapportionment will be L.A. County's affluent and mostly Demo Westside. Population in the congressional, State senate and various assembly districts has dropped dramatically since 1980...

...So who gets the Westside Shaft? In the House remap, Mel Levine(D) is almost a sure bet to run for the U.S. Senate, so the odds are high his 27th C.D. will be dissolved, with parts being shifted north and east. So no one gets totally mashed here. In the State senate, there's a fair chance that Sen. Bill Greene(D-L.A.) might not seek reelection in 1992. Juggling things around might therefore prevent two incumbents from fighting over the same turf (Watson and Rosenthal). In the Assembly, at least 1 and maybe 2 seats will be lost. IF Tom Hayden(D) and/or either Terry Friedman(D) or Burt Margolin(D) run for congress, that would solve some problems. But if that doesn't occur, insiders think the remap plan will not be to Hayden's advantage. As for the currently open 46th A.D., this could be the perfect district to dissolve, but this will depend on who wins the June 4 special election. If it's a minority, no way...

...FYI: The reapportionment process has become so complicated that Gov. Pete Wilson has two outside consultants helping out -- George Gorton and Joe Shumate. As for the Calif. GOP Congressional delegation, they have hired consultant Wayne Johnson...

NEW RULES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES.

A new law enacted in 1990 requires that any person who receives money or other compensation to assist others to register to

vote must personally sign each affidavit and affix to it the telephone number of the person or organization who is paying. And the person or organization who is paying must have a list of names, with addresses and phone numbers, of all persons who are being paid to register new voters. The new law was pushed through by Sec. of State March Fong Eu(D) to assist her office in cases involving fraudulent voter registrations...

A CALPEEK UPDATE ON SEVERAL RECALL DRIVES.

Editor's note: Here's an update on all the various RECALL movements that seem to be underway in L.A. County, plus some other odds & ends...

- **THE GATES RECALL** - The recall effort to oust L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates is underway, with an Aug. 9 deadline. By that time organizers must collect 63,000 signatures of registered voters in order to qualify for a special November 1991 ballot. In reality, organizers need more than 100,000 names just to be sure. The key backer of this recall continues to be Kerman Maddox. Need to contact the recall movement? Call (213)622-2122...

- **THE BRADLEY RECALL** - Those citizens who are furious with L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley for trying to dump Gates have organized a recall of their own. Petitions will be ready on or around May 15, according to recall organizer Marvin Feldman. This recall effort needs 210,000 signatures (organizers have 120 days to collect the names once the drive starts). For info (818)994-7702...

- **San Diego Recall** - The United States Justice Foundation played a key role in the just completed and successful recall of ex Councilwoman Linda Bernhardt. USJF says they were the group which obtained an order from a San Diego court barring the city council from holding the Bernhardt recall in the new reapportioned district...

- **Rancho Palos Verdes** - Organizers of a recall to oust Councilwoman Jackie Bacharach have until mid July to collect 5,275 signatures. In our April 15 issue, we said the organizers had already succeeded in qualifying the recall. We jumped the gun...

**BEVERLY HILLS COUNCILMAN ROBERT TANENBAUM
BEGINS TO ASSEMBLE TEAM FOR 1992 DA RACE.**

Some might think it very early to begin putting together a campaign team for a local race in June of 1992 — but not when the opponent is L.A. Co. DA Ira Reiner. And it's never too early if you're an unknown councilman from Beverly Hills, with almost no name ID outside your home base...

...Nevertheless, Councilman Robert Tanenbaum is putting together a campaign team headed by veteran consultant Gloria Grossman. Consultant Joe Cerrell is also aboard in an advisory role. A formal announcement may be forthcoming in the next 3-6 weeks, perhaps sooner...

...But the KEY to defeating any incumbent, especially someone as well known as Ira Reiner, is MONEY. John Costello, who served as campaign treasurer for AG Dan Lungren in 1990, will serve in a similar capacity for Tanenbaum. Another key finance person will be L.A. attorney/former Demo Assemblyman Walter Karabian. While these two have some very solid connections, many CALPEEK sources think Tanenbaum will need a war-chest of at least \$1 million to be taken seriously. Why so much? Because it takes a bundle to build up name ID and Tanenbaum is coming from ground zero...

...Although CALPEEK has written about Tanenbaum once before, here's a quick refresher. Tanenbaum is a best-selling author of several books. Before moving West, he was an assistant DA in New York City. In 1977 he served as deputy chief counsel of a U.S. House probe into the death of former Pres. John Kennedy. He was also a consultant to the CA Atty. General's office in the Hillside Strangler case in 1981. He is a registered Democrat and was elected to the Beverly Hills council in the mid-1980s...

...Can Reiner be beaten? Tanenbaum thinks so — and so do a number of other CALPEEK sources. Conventional wisdom is that while Reiner is still a savvy political fighter, he's not a great fundraiser (he still has a deficit from his last two campaigns of nearly \$150,000) and many think he is still bleeding from his loss in the 1990 Demo AG primary to rival S.F. Co. DA Arlo Smith, an opponent sources think Reiner should have crushed...

...Nevertheless, incumbency is a powerful weapon if used properly and there are few politicians around who know how to use an elected office better than Reiner. Yes, he is a 600-pound news media gorilla — and he has recently hired staff who have a keen sense of political reality. Bottomline: Reiner may be vulnerable now, but things could change in 6 months. Stay tuned...

ALAMEDA CO. BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW SUPE.

The sudden death of popular 5-term Alameda Co. Supervisor Charles Santana has set off another search to find a replacement within the 60-day limit. If the remaining board members don't pick a successor, the job goes to the governor. A number of names have surfaced. They include Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney; Hayward councilmen Bill Aragon and Matt Jimenez; Union City councilman Manuel Fernandez; Newark councilman Louis Cortez; and three other non-elected individuals — Gale Steele, Sandra Soto and Maria Ochoa. An early favorite might be Sweeney, who is allied with State Sen. Bill Lockyer's Demo organization. Stay tuned...

1992 U.S. SENATE CONTESTS: CALPEEK UPDATE.

Editor's note: Here's an update on some recent developments in the Demo and GOP races for the two U.S. Senate seats in 1992...

- Conservative TV-radio commentator Bruce Herschensohn is on the move. On Apr. 23rd his backers filed a statement of organization — this allows his committee to begin raising money for his 1992 GOP primary race. In terms of campaign management, veteran GOP consultant Ken Khachigian will be a senior advisor, while Brian Lungren has been tapped to handle daily management. GOP fundraiser Jackie Campbell is also working for Herschensohn. And he is running for the 6-year/Cranston seat...

- Demo Controller Gray Davis is still hunting around for a consultant to run his campaign for the U.S. Senate. CALPEEK insiders say he's been to Washington D.C. several times in the past few weeks. Still no word on which seat he'll run for — and some CALPEEK sources are beginning to speculate that perhaps Davis is having second thoughts about making the run...

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• One consultant that Davis won't get is Kam Kuwata - the veteran Demo campaign mgr. and ace spin doctor who has signed on with former S.F. Mayor Dianne Feinstein's campaign for the 2 yr./Seymour seat, as the day-to-day mgr. In 1990, Kuwata managed the successful senate campaign of Dan Akaka (D-Hawaii), but is best known to CALPEEK insiders as Alan Cranston's key spokesman for the past several years, including Cranston's successful 1986 reelection campaign against Ed Zschau. In the past, Kuwata has also done some political work for Davis, but not this time. A real coup for DiFi...

• And speaking of coups, when U.S. Sen. John Seymour's campaign chair Bob Nelson sent out a news release announcing the names of the various political heavyweights who would be helping Seymour in 1992 (Stu Spencer, Brad O'Leary and Chip Nielsen), he forgot to mention GOP ace fundraiser Joyce Valdez. Without the bucks, Seymour goes nowhere...

NEED TO REACH THE U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES???

Editor's note: CALPEEK has put together a list of phone numbers for most of the key GOP and Demo candidates who will be running in 1992...

REPUBLICANS

U.S. Sen. John Seymour	(714)668-7225
U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell	(415)969-2270
U.S. Rep. Bill Dannemeyer	(714)870-1757
Bruce Herschensohn	(916)448-3853

DEMOCRATS

Dianne Feinstein	(415)433-1333
U.S. Rep. Bob Matsui	(916)441-3895
U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer	(415)771-3700
U.S. Rep. Mel Levine	(213)652-3321
Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy	(213)642-1889
Controller Gray Davis	(213)478-6602
Jerry Brown	(415)928-3764

CALPEEK'S POLITICAL COOKBOOK: LET'S GET THOSE RECIPES IN SO WE CAN GO TO PRESS..

So far CALPEEK has received about a half dozen recipes for its Political Cookbook - and like fundraising, we've got pledges for more. Let's get 'em in. Many thanks to Larry Remer, who was first in with a linguine & mussels dish, followed by Sid Gal-

anty with Populist Pasta Sauce. We'd like to go to press by the middle of May --- so please send your recipes to CALPEEK, P.O. Box 1468, Beverly Hills, CA 90213 or FAX them to (213)657-4340...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook:

• CARAL's development director, Beth Davenport, has been named exec. director of CARAL No. Calif. Down South, CARAL exec. director Robin Schneider moves up a notch to associate director for program...

• Ben Bycel, dean of the Santa Barbara-Ventura College of Law, has been named director of L.A. City's Ethics Commission. Bycel is also president of the Santa Barbara Co. Bd. of Education...

• The guy who was the 1st choice to head the L.A. City Ethics Comm., but refused the job when the city council lowered the pay, Walter Zelman, has taken a job as a key deputy to Insur. Comm. John Garamendi...

• Patti LeVine has been promoted to Sr. VP at Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metger, Inc., in Sacramento...

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